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**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 102.0003-04000  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No. 6124
Gary Karlin Michelson, M.D.	)	
Serial No.: 09/626,636	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: July 27, 2000	)	
For: A GUARD FOR USE IN	)	Examiner: Ryan J. Severson
PERFORMING HUMAN	)	
INTERBODY SPINAL SURGERY	)	

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Sir:

Prior to the further examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 21 of this paper.

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